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CYCLE SAFETY INFO

State Motorcycle Operator Licensing—1988

This is the twelfth annual cycle safety information sheet reporting state procedures for licensing motorcyclists. The information is the result of a survey sent to licensing authorities in the nation's 51 licensing jurisdictions.

Licensing practices vary from state to state. In the past few years, these practices have become more standardized as states began adopting the Motorcycle Operator Skill Test (MOST), the *Motorcycle Operator Manual (MOM),* the *Motorcycle Operator Manual (MOM)* Knowledge Test, and *Sharing the Road With Motorcycles* information.

A growing number of states are adopting new motorcycle operator licensing programs each year. The Foundation's licensing department provides technical assistance and examiner training for states adopting the MOST and the Alternate MOST.

The Motorcycle Operator Skill Test (MOST)

Nearly three years of research resulted in the development of a new motorcycle operator testing procedure. Research shows the test works. In comparison with an existing state test, the Motorcycle Operator Skill Test (MOST) showed a 15 percent reduction in accidents. When coupled with a rider training program, accidents were reduced 21 percent.

The MOST contains nine exercises that test the skills riders need to operate safely in traffic. Since the test only requires an area 50 × 125 feet, it can be set up in a parking lot. The MOST has been proven to be effective. Some states, however, do not have enough space available to adopt the MOST. The Alternate MOST was developed specifically for these areas. It includes modified portions of important exercises in the MOST along with other basic control exercises.

The Motorcycle Operator Manual (MOM)

In addition to the skill test, a new manual is available for motorcycle operators. The *Motorcycle Operator Manual (MOM)* includes information on proper protective gear, handling different road surfaces and reacting to emergencies. License applicants in a study group increased their knowledge 15 percent by reading the manual. MSF provides free printer's negatives on a loan basis to states adopting the manual.

The Motorcycle Knowledge Test

The Motorcycle Knowledge Test was developed from the contents of the *Motorcycle Operator Manual.* Using multiple choice questions and line drawings, the test emphasizes areas critical to safe riding. MSF will provide the test on slides for states using automated testing machines.

The Motorcyclist In-Traffic Test (MIT)

The MOST and Alternate MOST are designed for off-street testing. Several states do not have off-street testing facilities or prefer to administer an in-traffic test. The MIT consists of 21 test situations considered to be most important for the safe operation of a motorcycle in traffic. The applicant is scored by an examiner following the motorcycle in another vehicle.

The Motorcycle Skill Test Practice Guide

The Practice Guide is designed to provide motorcycle license applicants with a series of exercises that they can practice in a parking lot before they take their skills test. These exercises are not meant to replace a rider education course but simply to provide practice on necessary skills before testing. MSF provides free printer's negatives on a loan basis for states that would like to provide this booklet to motorcycle applicants.

The Sharing The Road With Motorcycles Information

Studies have shown that most motorcycle accidents are caused by drivers of other vehicles. MSF has developed information for state driver's manuals titled *Sharing The Road With Motorcycles.* It gives other drivers information on conditions and situations commonly faced by motorcyclists.

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation's purpose is improving the safety of motorcyclists on the nation's streets and highways. To reduce motorcycle accidents and injuries, the Foundation has programs in rider education, licensing improvement, public information and research. These programs are designed for both motorcyclists and motorists. For the beginning or experienced rider training course nearest you, call the national toll-free telephone number (800) 447-4700. A national, nonprofit organization, MSF is sponsored by five leading motorcycle manufacturers: Honda, Yamaha, Kawasaki, Suzuki and BMW.

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STATE	TYPE OF SKILL TEST	MOM ADOPTION	MOM KNOWLEDGE TEST	WAIVER FOR RIDER EDUCATION	SHARING THE ROAD WITH MOTORCYCLES ADOPTION	NUMBER OF MOTORCYCLE TESTING SITES	NUMBER OF DRIVER LICENSE EXAMINERS	NUMBER OF LICENSED DRIVERS (AS OF 12/31/88)	NUMBER OF LICENSED MOTORCYCLE OPERATORS (AS OF 12/31/88)	NUMBER OF MOTORCYCLE REGISTRATIONS	TYPE OF VEHICLE REGISTERED AS MOTORCYCLE
Alabama	None	Yes	Yes	N	Yes	N/A	130	2,616,880	10,900	72,000	F,G,J
Alaska	MOST/Alternate	Yes	Yes	N	Yes	32	36	394,930	N/A	14,432	D,F,G,I,J
Arizona	MOST/Alternate	Yes	Yes	N	No	41	150	2,664,439	108,648	78,233	A,B,C,D,F,G,H,K
Arkansas	Off-Street/Alternate	No	No	N	Yes	106	30	1,671,400	61,540	28,119	C,D,E,F,J
California	Off-Street	Yes	Yes	N	No	160	460	17,455,983	792,895	699,200	F,G,H,I,J
Colorado	Alternate[2] Off-Street/On-Street	Yes	Yes	S	Yes	89	159	2,292,473	181,072	108,278	C,D,E,F,G,J
Connecticut[5]	Alternate	Yes	Yes	N	Yes	11	95	2,105,000	156,500	35,000	D,E,F,H,I,J
Delaware	Alternate	Yes	Yes	K,S	Yes	4	18	473,065	31,676	7,316	C,D,E,F
D.C.	MOST/Alternate	No	No	N	Yes	1	11	388,903	8,659	2,378	A,B,C,D,E,F
Florida	MOST/Alternate	Yes	Yes	K,S	No	80	874	9,924,110	344,740	217,290	A,C,D,E,F,J
Georgia	MOST/Alternate	Yes	Yes	N	Yes	56	140	4,500,000	115,394	84,543	A,C,D,E,F,H,I,J
Hawaii	Alternate/On-Street	No	No	N	Yes	13	31	612,101	18,312	11,055	C,D,E,F,I
Idaho	None	No	No	N/A	No	N/A	44	692,403	N/A	50,758	C,D,E,F,G,H,J
Illinois	Off-Street/On-Street Alternate[2]	Yes	Yes	N	No	104	367	7,403,186	536,684	222,500	D,F,G,H,I,J
Indiana	Alternate	Yes	Yes	S	No	37	89	3,761,193	203,674	6,310	B,D,E,F,H
Iowa	Off-Street	Yes	No	S	No	141	36	1,950,940	259,313	172,444	C,D,E,F,I,J
Kansas	Alternate	Yes	Yes	K,S	Yes	113	158	1,656,144	235,796	78,739	B,C,D,G,F,I,J
Kentucky	Off-Street/On-Street	No	No	N	Yes	120	66	2,251,056	N/A	50,355	A,C,D,E,F,I,J
Louisiana	Off-Street	Yes	Yes	S	No	80	350	2,726,830	76,931	93,352	C,F,G,I,J
Maine	Alternate MIT[1] In-traffic	No	No	N	Yes	51	30	817,928	84,507	43,580	C,D,F,G,I,J
Maryland	Alternate[2]	No	Yes	N	Yes	14	112	2,956,260	172,430	58,188	D,F[M]
Massachusetts	On-Street	No	No	N	Yes	35	150	3,902,078	241,600	72,307	D,F,I
Michigan	Alternate[2]/ Off-Street	Yes[P]	No	N	Yes	70	1060	6,195,525	490,243	183,933	C,D,E,F,(I,J,K)[15]
Minnesota	Alternate/On-Street	No	No	N	Yes	101	85	2,973,483	272,317	151,449	A,C,D,F,H,J
Mississippi	MIT	Yes	Yes	S	Yes	91	47	1,850,269	N/A	28,200	F,G,I,J
Missouri	Off-Street	Yes	Yes	N	No	135	146	3,444,873	262,256	65,517	A,D,E,F,H,I,J
Montana	Alternate	Yes	Yes	N	Yes	62	22	686,744	29,900	38,987	A,C,D,E,F,H,J
Nebraska	MIT/Off-Street	Yes	Yes	S	Yes	96	64	1,116,073	55,975	33,077	C,D,E,F,H
Nevada	MOST/Alternate	Yes	Yes	S	Yes	9	20	1,028,351	60,494	33,271	C,D,E,F
New Hampshire	Alternate	No	No	S	Yes	14	24	768,143	95,583	37,282	C,D,E,F,H,J
New Jersey	Off-Street/On-Street	Yes	No	N	No	30	100	5.2 million	210,000	98,000	C,D,E,F,J
New Mexico	MOST[2]/Alternate	Yes	Yes	K,S	Yes	33	16	1,034,647	760	42,15	D,E,F,H,I,J
New York	On-Street	Yes	No	N	No	107	140	9,947,494	452,702	214,893	F
North Carolina	Off-Street	No	No	N	No	190	367	4,244,176	210,146	71,429	F,H,I,J,K
North Dakota	Alternate	Yes	Yes	N	Yes	57	25	438,282	36,442	28,481	D,E,F,G
Ohio	Off-Street	Yes	No	N	No	94	175	7,402,416	574,278	267,731	D,F,J
Oklahoma	MIT[3]	Yes	Yes	N	Yes	93	73	2,732,233	4,958	104,457	C,D,E,F,G,H,J
Oregon	MOST[2]/Alternate On-Street	Yes	Yes	N	No	44	199	1,997,520	211,111	89,886	C,D,E,F,I,J
Pennsylvania	Off-Street	Yes	Yes	K,S	No	77	101	7,691,269	452,754	190,345	F,J
Rhode Island	Alternate	No	No	K,S	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,L
South Carolina	Off-Street	No	Yes[P]	N	Yes	55	125	2,186,067	61,477	37,865	D,F,H,J
South Dakota	MOST/Alternate	Yes	Yes	K,S	Yes	88	45	520,898	N/A	38,956	A,B,C,D,F,G
Tennessee	Alternate/On-Street	Yes	Yes	N	Yes	103	222	3,057,359	192,225	102,831	C,D,E,F,J
Texas	On-Street	Yes	Yes	N	No	178	337	11,141,583	681,464	309,008	D,E,F,G,H,I,J
Utah	MOST[2]	Yes	Yes	N	No	15	54	1,100,000	228,000	N/A	A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J
Vermont	Alternate	Yes	No	N	Yes	11	13	419,261	45,665	21,693	A,D,E,F
Virginia	Alternate[1]/Off-Street On-Street	Yes	Yes	N	Yes	119	174	3,937,571	210,294	67,719	C,D,E,F,H,J
Washington	Alternate	Yes	Yes	N	Yes	57	285	3,134,330	273,232	122,751	D,F,H,J
West Virginia	None	No	No	N/A	No	N/A	41	1,303,400	102	27,067	F,G,J
Wisconsin	MIT	Yes	Yes	N	Yes	124	200	3,288,517	311,678	186,020	D,F
Wyoming	Off-Street	Yes	Yes	N	Yes	37	83	386,117	40,314	21,428	A,B,D,E,F,J

1. In some sites as a pilot or research project
2. Some sites
3. Only 14 and 15 year olds licensed
4. On-Street used for three-wheel vehicle testing only
5. 1985 figures

Parts of Motorcycle Test Waived for Rider Course Graduates

P — Partial
N — None
K — Knowledge
S — Skill
X — If in Control Group

Vehicles Registered as Motorcycles

A - 3-wheel all-terrain vehicle
B - All-terrain with more than 3 wheels
C - 3-wheel service vehicle (cushman type)
D - Modified 3-wheel (straddle seat)
E - Modified 3-wheel (bench seat)
F - Motorcycle with side car
G - Mopeds
H - No peds (small displacement 2-wheel vehicle without pedals)
I - Mini-bikes
J - Motorbikes
K - Golf Carts
L - Snowmobiles
M - 3-wheels with rear axle tread width under 25"

MOST - Motorcycle Operator Skill Test
Alternate - Alternate MOST
MIT - Motorcyclist In-Traffic Test

STATE MOTORCYCLE OPERATOR LICENSING PROCEDURES

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STATE	SPECIAL LICENSE OR ENDORSEMENT	DURATION OF LICENSE	MINIMUM AGE WITH DRIVER EDUCATION	LEARNER'S PERMIT	MINIMUM AGE WITHOUT DRIVER EDUCATION	RIDER EDUCATION PREREQUISITE TO LICENSING	SKILL TEST ADMINISTRATION BY APPOINTMENT (APPT) OR WALK-IN (WI) BASIS	RE-EXAMINATION REQUIRED	Reexamined for: VISION	KNOWLEDGE	OFF-STREET	IN-TRAFFIC
Alabama	Yes[4,14]	4	14	No	14-16[14]	No	N/A	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Alaska	Yes	5	-	2 yrs	14-16[14]	No	APPT,WI	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Arizona	Yes	4	16	6 mo	16	No	WI	Yes[2]	Yes	Yes[2]	Yes[2,3]	No
Arkansas	Yes	2/4	16	No	16	No	WI	No	No	No	No	No
California	Yes	4	16	1 yr	18	Yes[26]	APPT	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Colorado	Yes	4	16	180 days	16[5]	No	WI	No	Yes	No	No	No
Connecticut	Yes	4	16	60 days	18	No	APPT,WI	No	No	No	No	No
Delaware	Yes	4/5	16	60 days	18	Yes[1]	WI	No	Yes	No	No	No
D.C.	Yes	4	16	60 days	16	No	APPT	Yes 70-74	Yes 70-74	Yes 70+	Yes	Yes
Florida	Yes	4/6	-	90 days	15[9]	No	APPT	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Georgia	Yes	4	16	6 mo	16	No	WI	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Hawaii	Yes	2/4	15	90 days	15	No	APPT	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Idaho	No	N/A	14	No	16	No	WI	No	Yes	No	No	No
Illinois	Yes	3-4	16[22]	1 yr	18	Yes[23]	WI	Yes[7]	Yes	Yes	Yes[7]	Yes[7]
Indiana	Yes	2/4	15	Yes	16 1 mo	No	WI	No	Yes	No	No	Yes[13]
Iowa	Yes	2/4	16	2 yrs	18	Yes[1]	APPT,WI	Yes	Yes	Yes[2]	Yes[8]	Yes[8]
Kansas	Yes	4	14	6 mo	14[10]	No	WI	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Kentucky	Yes	4	16	6 mo	16	No	APPT,WI	No	No	No	No	No
Louisiana	Yes	5	15	No	15	No	WI	No	Yes	No	No	No
Maine	Yes	4	16[24]	1 yr	21[25]	Under 21[25]	APPT	No	Yes	No	No	No
Maryland	Yes	4	16	180 days	18	No	WI	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Massachusetts	Yes	4	16½	1 yr	17	No	APPT	No 4 yrs	Yes[11]	No	No	No
Michigan	Yes	4	16	150 days	18	Yes[1,12]	APPT,WI	No	Yes	No	No	No
Minnesota	Yes	4	16	45 days	18	Yes[1]	APPT,WI	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Mississippi	Yes	4	15	60 days	15	No	WI	No	No	No	No	No
Missouri	Yes	3	16	60 days	16	No	WI	Yes[19]	Yes	No	No	No
Montana	Yes	4	15	6 mo	16	No	APPT,WI	Yes	Yes	No	Yes[3]	Yes[3]
Nebraska	Yes	4	16	1 yr	16	No	WI	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes[3]	Yes[3]
Nevada	Yes	4	16	8 mo	16	No	APPT,WI	Yes	Yes	Yes[2]	Yes[2]	No
New Hampshire	Yes	4	16	30 days	18	No	APPT	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
New Jersey	Yes	4	17	90 days	17	No	APPT	Yes[27]	Yes[27]	No	No	No
New Mexico	Yes	4	15	6 mo	16	Yes if avail.	APPT,WI	Yes	Yes[11]	Yes[28]	Yes[28]	Yes[28]
New York	Yes	4	16	1 yr	16[15]	No	APPT	Yes[16]	Yes	Yes	No	No
North Carolina	Yes	4	16	No	18	No	APPT,WI	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
North Dakota	Yes	4	14[17]	6 mo	16	Yes Under 16	APPT	No	Yes	No	No	No
Ohio	Yes	4	16	6 mo	18	No	APPT	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Oklahoma	No	4	14	Yes	14[18]	No	WI	No	No	No	No	No
Oregon	Yes	4	16	Yes	16	No	APPT,WI	No	No	No	No	No
Pennsylvania	Yes	2/4	-	120 days	16	No	APPT,WI	No	No	No	No	No
Rhode Island	Yes	2	16	Yes	N/A New only	Yes	APPT[24]	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
South Carolina	Yes	4	15	6 mo	15	No	APPT,WI	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
South Dakota	Yes	4	-	No	14	No	WI	Yes[19]	No	No	No	No
Tennessee	Yes	4	14[14]	No	14[14]	No	WI	No	No	No	No	No
Texas	Yes	4	15[23]	1 yr	18	Yes Under 18	WI	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Utah	Yes	4	16	60 days	16	No	WI	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Vermont	Yes	2/4	16	60 days	18	No	APPT,WI	No	No	No	No	No
Virginia	Yes	5	16	1 yr	18	No	WI	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Washington	Yes	4	16	90 days	18	Yes[1]	APPT	Yes[2]	Yes	Yes[3]	Yes[3]	Yes[3]
West Virginia	No	N/A	16	60 days	16	No	N/A	No	No	No	No	No
Wisconsin	Yes	2/4	16	6 mo	18	No	APPT	Yes[18]	Yes[18]	Yes[18]	No	Yes[18]
Wyoming	Yes	4	16	90 days	16	No	WI	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes[3]	No

1 - Under age 18
2 - If driving record warrants
3 - At examiner's discretion
4 - "Motorcycle Only" applicants
5 - Permit issued at 15½ if enrolled
6 - Restricted to 150cc
7 - Age 69 and older required to pass
8 - New applicants or expirations of one year or more. Those with education have test waived except for 10% random select
9 - Not normally administered
10 - Age 14-15 restricted to and from work
11 - Each renewal
12 - After failing skill test twice
13 - In-traffic test required for 75 years of age or older
14 - Age 14 for motor driven cycle; age 16 for motorcycle license
15 - Class B (16-18) motorcycle license or permit not valid in New York City; Nassau County has special restrictions
16 - Only if there is a legitimate complaint against operator ability
17 - Under 16 restricted to 250cc or less
18 - Age 14 to 15 restricted to 125cc or less
19 - Only when expired or revoked
20 - Age 15 restricted to not more than 125cc
21 - After age 65, every 2 years
22 - Over 150cc must have completed DOT Motorcycle Rider Education Course
23 - Age 16-17 year olds desiring license for 150+cc motorcycle
24 - 16 year olds must have basic Driver Education and Motorcycle Driver Educ.
25 - Between 16 and 21 must complete motorcycle Driver Education course
26 - Upon request
27 - Every ten years
28 - For 16 and 17 year olds

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PERMIT HOLDERS

STATE	MOTORCYCLE KNOWLEDGE TEST ADMINISTERED BEFORE ISSUING LEARNER'S PERMIT	BASIC SKILL TEST ADMINISTERED BEFORE ISSUING LEARNER'S PERMIT	ALLOWED TO RIDE MOTORCYCLE LEARNER'S PERMIT	TIMES MOTORCYCLE LEARNER'S PERMIT CAN BE RENEWED	COST FOR PERMIT	PERMITS MANDATORY BEFORE LICENSING	RESTRICTIONS ON LEARNER'S PERMIT
Alabama	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Alaska	Yes	No	Yes	No limit	$3.00	No	4,5(under 19 yrs)
Arizona	Yes	No	Yes	No limit	$2.00	No	1,5(15.7-18 yrs)
Arkansas	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
California	Yes	No	Yes	No limit	$10.00	No	1,2,3
Colorado	Yes	No	Yes	No limit	$6.50	Yes-under 18 yrs	4,9
Connecticut	Yes	No	Yes	One	$2.25	Yes	1,2,3,9
Delaware	Yes	No	Yes	One[20]	$2.00	Yes	1,2,3,5,9
D.C.	Yes	No	Yes	Two	$7.00	Yes	1,5,9,11
Florida	Yes	No	Yes	Five	$4.00	No	1,5,9
Georgia	Yes	No	Yes	No limit	$1.50	No	1,2,3,5
Hawaii	Yes	No	Yes	Two	$1.00-$5.00[12]	Yes	1,2
Idaho	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Illinois	Yes	No	Yes	No limit	$6.00-$10.00	No	4
Indiana	Yes	No	Yes	No limit	$2.00	Yes[16]	1,2,5
Iowa	Yes	No	Yes	No limit	$8.00	No	4
Kansas	Yes	No	Yes	No limit	$2.00	No	4
Kentucky	Yes	No	Yes	No limit	$2.00	Yes	5,9
Louisiana	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Maine	Yes	No	No	–	–	Yes[18]	1,2,5
Maryland	Yes	No	Yes	No limit	$22.00	Yes	4,5 (under 18 yrs)
Massachusetts	Yes	No	No	–	–	Yes	1,2,5,9
Michigan	Yes	No	Yes	No limit	$1.00	No	1,2,4,5
Minnesota	Yes	No	Yes	One	$1.00	Yes-under 18 yrs	1,2,3,5,9
Mississippi	Yes	No	Yes	No Limit	$1.00	Yes	1,2,4,5,11
Missouri	Yes	No	Yes	Three	$1.00	No	1,2,5
Montana	Yes	No	Yes	No limit	$2.00	No	4,5 (under 18 yrs)
Nebraska	No	No	Yes	No limit	$3.00	No	20
Nevada	Yes	No	Yes	No limit	$10.00	No	1,2,3,4
New Hampshire	No	No	Yes	No limit	No fee	No	1,2,3,4 (under 18 yrs)
New Jersey	Yes	No	Yes	No limit	$5.00	Yes	4,5,9
New Mexico	Yes	No	Yes	One	$2.00	No	None
New York	Yes	No	Yes	No limit	$9.00	Yes	1,4,5
North Carolina	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
North Dakota	Yes	No	Yes	One	$8.00	Yes	1,2
Ohio	Yes	No	Yes	No limit	$4.50	Yes	1,2,3,5,9
Oklahoma	Yes	No	Yes	No limit	$14.00	Yes	18,19
Oregon	Yes	No	No	–	–	No	1,2,4,5,19
Pennsylvania	No	No	Yes	No limit	$7.00	Yes	1,2,4,5,8,9
Rhode Island	Yes	Yes[19]	No	No limit	no fee	Yes	1,4,9,20
South Carolina	Yes	No	Yes	One	$2.00	Yes[21]	None
South Dakota	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	$6.00	N/A	N/A
Tennessee	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Texas	Yes	No	Yes	No limit	$10.00	No	4
Utah	Yes	No	Yes	One	$8.00	No	1,2,3,5 (under 18 yrs)
Vermont	Yes	No	Yes	No limit	$2.00	No	1,2,5,9,10
Virginia	Yes	No	No	–	–	No	4
Washington	Yes	No	Yes	One	$18.00	No	1,2,9[15]
West Virginia	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wisconsin	Yes	No	Yes	No limit	$15.00	Yes[18]	1,2,5,9
Wyoming	Yes	Yes	Yes	No limit	$10.00	No	1,5 (under 19 yrs)

1 - No passengers
2 - Daylight only
3 - Restricted roadways
4 - Supervision
5 - Helmet usage
6 - Visible clothing
7 - Cycle size limitations
8 - Speed limits
9 - Eye protection
10 - In-state only
11 - Reflective tape on helmet only
12 - Depending on county
13 - 13 yr old 100cc or less
14 - 10 hrs community college of R.I. rider training
15 - Must also have valid WA driver's license
16 - No - for out of state transfer
17 - Except for those completing rider education
18 - 14-1o restricted to 125cc or less
19 - Must be in visual sight of licensed driver 21 years old
20 - Must be in visual sight of a licensed motorcycle operator 19 years or older
21 - Applicant 15 years of age required to obtain a permit before licensing

This information was assembled by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation licensing department. Licensing authorities in all 50 states and the District of Columbia were directly contacted by MSF for an update on the information listed in ths chart.

Although this information was obtained from the most authoritative sources available as of December 1987, the Motorcycle Safety Foundation is not responsible for its accuracy or completeness.